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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN/US CONSULTATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION  
TREATY

REF (A) STATE 279644, (B) CAIRO 15714, (C) STATE 280212

1. POL COUNS CALLED ON MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR  
NABIL AL-ARABY ON NOV. 16 SINCE UNDERSECRETARY OSMAN, TO  
WHOM PREVIOUS DEMARCHE HAD BEEN MADE, WAS UNAVAILABLE AND  
SUGGESTED AL-ARABY. AL-ARABY, WHO HAS JUST RETUEND FROM  
UNGA, WAS AWARE OF EARLIER CONTACTS BETWEEN US OFFICIALS  
AND PERMREP ABD AL-EGUID.

2. POL COUNS SAID HE WISHED TO FOLLOW UP AMBASSADOR  
SCRANTON'S MEETINGS NOV. 10 WITH MEGUID AND REQUEST GOE CO-  
SPONSORSHIP OF FINNISH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ENMOD TREATY.  
AL-ARABY SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH UNDERSECRETARY  
OSMAN NOV. 15 AND HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT DECISION HAD BEEN  
TAKEN TO ABSTAIN. AL-ARABY ASSUMED THAT OSMAN HAD CLEARED  
THIS WITH FONMIN FAHMY BEFORE DECLIDING. AT POLCOUNS' REQUEST,  
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AL-ARABY CHECKED TO SEE IF INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN HAD

ALREADY BEEN SENT TO EGYPTIAN DEL IN NEW YORK. AL-ARABY  
CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD.

3. AL-ARABY WAS UNABLE TO GIVE BASIS FOR EGYPTIAN DECISION  
OTHER THAN TO SAY TREATY WAS FULL OF LOOPHOLES. HE  
PROMISED TO STUDY DOSSIER AND INFORM POLCOUNS OF BASIS  
FOR EGYPTIAN OBJECTIONS TO TREATY AT MEETING ON NOV. 18.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS UNEXPECTED EGYPTIAN DECISION, AMBASSADOR  
WILL SEEK EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH  
MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MUHAMMAD RIAD OR, IF POSSIBLE  
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE NOV. 17 WITH FONMIN FAHMY.  
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